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METHOD FOR DETERMINING SUSCEPTIBILITY TO HEART DISEASE BY SCREENING POLYMORPHISMS IN THE VITAMIN D RECEPTOR

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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment into the above-referenced patent application.

## In the Specification:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please enter the following:

### RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is the U.S. national phase of PCT/EP99/07720, filed September 10, 1999, which claims benefit of priority from British Patent Application No. GB9819764.3, filed on September 10, 1998, the benefit of priority of which applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 120.

## Amend page 8, lines 1-2 as follows:

- 5'-CAACCAAGACTACAAGTACCGCGTCAGTGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1) and/or
- 5'GCAACTCCTCATGGCTGAGGTCTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:2) 2.

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